

To whom this may concern:

I just wanted to state my opinion on the matter of allowing passengers to use cellular phones while on an aircraft. As a flight attendant, I feel it would create a very stressful environment for everyone on board. Most people are already uncomfortable with the idea of flying; putting them on an aircraft full of people on cell phones would only heighten their anxiety. The most important reason I feel this would be a huge mistake is that my job is to be in charge if there is an emergency and keep the cabin safe. How am I expected to command the attention of passengers on board if they are talking to loved ones on cell phones because they know we have an emergency situation. If YOU feel they would be safe having that form of communication readily available and disregard safety concerns, perhaps we should do away with flight attendants period and just leave them a message on their cell phones.